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The reply filed on 08/22/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The applicant has not listed reasons for the impropriety of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over US Patent No. 5509140 (Koitabashi) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5179389 (Arai) and U.S. Patent No. 6099101 (Maurelli). The examiner acknowledges applicant's claim that the examiner agreed to withdraw finality of the rejections. However, though the examiner may have agreed to this within an interview, the burden is on the applicant to specifically state, on the record, the reasons for the invalidity of the previous rejection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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